

**EXECUTIVE ORDERS, PROCLAMATIONS OF  
GENERAL APPLICABILITY, AND STATEMENTS  
ISSUED BY THE GOVERNOR  
PURSUANT TO A.R.S. § 41-1013(B)(3)**

The Administrative Procedure Act (APA) requires the full-text publication of all Executive Orders and Proclamations of General Applicability issued by the Governor. In addition, the *Register* shall include each statement filed by the Governor in granting a commutation, pardon or reprieve, or stay or suspension of execution where a sentence of death is imposed.

**EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-11  
ARIZONA TASK FORCE FOR THE WESTERN  
GOVERNORS' UNIVERSITY  
(Supercedes Executive Order 96-4)**

**Arizona Commission For Postsecondary Education**

**WHEREAS**, it is advantageous to the State and to all of its postsecondary education sectors to provide postsecondary education courses and award credentials to all Arizona citizens who may benefit from a postsecondary education, and

**WHEREAS**, Arizona's citizens know that without advanced postsecondary education and training, it is difficult to compete successfully in a global economy and contribute to the economic growth of their State, and

**WHEREAS**, the development of new distance education technologies demonstrates clearly that distance education extends postsecondary participation to students unable to participate in classroom education, reduces the time and volume of classroom activity needed to obtain a credential, and reduces student unit costs, and

**WHEREAS**, the Western Governors' Association assessed the availability and capabilities of advanced technology-based teaching and learning and is prepared to serve a portion of the needs of the region through a Western Governor's University, and

**WHEREAS**, the State's capacity to respond to the challenges of projected workforce needs, postsecondary enrollment growths and limited resources through existing postsecondary institutions is constrained, and

**WHEREAS**, the Arizona Commission for Postsecondary Education is the State statutory agency charged with considering the postsecondary needs of unserved and underserved individuals in this State pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-1851 and is composed of representatives from all Arizona secondary and postsecondary education sectors.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor and Chief Executive Officer of the State of Arizona, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

1. There is created the **Arizona Task Force for the Western Governors' University** composed of representatives from the following:
  - a. Arizona's public universities;

- b. Arizona's public community colleges;
  - c. Arizona's private postsecondary institutions;
  - d. Arizona's private sector;
  - e. Arizona's legislature; and
  - f. Arizona's executive branch
2. The Task Force shall initially be comprised of seven members to be appointed by the Governor.
  - a. The Governor will appoint the chair
3. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.
4. The Task Force shall have the following responsibilities and shall ensure that they are carried out:
  - a. Consider the relation between the activities of the Western Virtual University Initiative and the current and proposed activities of Arizona's postsecondary institutions;
  - b. Consider the postsecondary education needs of unserved and underserved individuals within the State, including individuals beyond the traditional college age, as well as Arizona employers, and how and if those needs can be met by the Western Governor's University;
  - c. Consider State and national policies designed to enhance the growth of distance education technology and programs and their effects on enrollments within all State postsecondary sectors; and
  - d. Consider the resources of institutions, organizations or agencies (both public and private) within the State and among the Western Governors' University entities needed to provide additional postsecondary educational opportunities,
  - e. Recommend to the Commission and to the State how and if the State should effectively and efficiently participate in the proposed Western Governors' University, addressing such key issues as needs, curricular models, markets, costs, timetables, joint institutional capacity, evaluation/quality control, technology infrastructure/alternative

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delivery mechanisms, partners and administration.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Arizona.

**Jane Dee Hull**  
Governor

**DONE** at the Capitol in Phoenix

this Third Day in November in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety Eight and of the Independence of the United States the Two Hundred and Twenty-Second.

**ATTEST:**

**Betsey Bayless**  
Secretary of State